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Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly

Letter dated 10 August 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to forward to you a letter from the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic and the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Armenia, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan to the United Nations, requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly" (see annex).

(*Signed*) Murat **Smagulov**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 August 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

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In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we have the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly".

The Collective Security Treaty Organization is an international organization composed of six States: the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan.

At the present time, a national of the Russian Federation, Nikolai Nikolayevich Bordyzuha, is the highest administrative official of the Collective Security Treaty Organization.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum (see addendum 1) and a corresponding draft resolution (see addendum 2) have been attached to this letter.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

Republic of Armenia
(*Signed*) Armen **Martirosyan**
Permanent Representative

Republic of Belarus
(*Signed*) Aleg **Ivanou**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Republic of Kazakhstan
(*Signed*) Murat **Smagulov**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Kyrgyz Republic
(*Signed*) Kainarbek **Toktomushev**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Russian Federation
(*Signed*) Andrei **Denisov**
Permanent Representative

Republic of Tajikistan
(*Signed*) Rashid **Alimov**
Permanent Representative

Addendum 1

Explanatory memorandum

1. At the current stage in the development of international relations, there is an increasing interdependence on the part of the entities involved, and the political weight of regional and subregional associations of States is growing. This process is particularly evident in such key areas as cooperation in the field of military and political security, and adequate collective efforts to counteract new challenges and threats, which include, first of all, international terrorism and extremism, illegal drug and arms trafficking, and organized transnational crime. In all these areas, there is a close intertwining of the efforts undertaken by the United Nations and intergovernmental associations, including the Collective Security Treaty Organization (hereinafter CSTO).

Within the structure of CSTO, which has established contacts with the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council, the Anti-Terrorism Centre of the Commonwealth of Independent States as well as corresponding structures of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Collective Rapid-Deployment Forces, set up in 2001, are functioning, and a standing mechanism is being established in the field of peace-making with the possibility of its participation in peace-making operations, including those under the aegis of the United Nations.

2. The CSTO member States are: the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan.

3. The purposes of CSTO, which became a regional international organization when its charter entered into force on 18 September 2003 and which was registered in the United Nations Secretariat on 16 December 2003, are the strengthening of peace and international and regional security and stability, and the protection on a collective basis of the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the member States. In achieving these purposes, member States attach priority to political means in complete conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the generally recognized norms of international law. CSTO has at its disposal all the necessary mechanisms for actively participating in the efforts of the world community to strengthen peace and international security.

4. The results of the activities undertaken by CSTO allow us to speak of the real potential for its cooperation with the universal international organization on the basis of the principles of partnership, joint participation and complementarity of efforts.

5. We believe that, in order to achieve a more effective, optimal level of cooperation and interaction between CSTO and the United Nations, their mutual relations should in future be founded on a regular and well-organized basis. The granting of observer status for CSTO in the General Assembly would serve this objective. Such an act would make it possible to strengthen in a concrete way coordination between CSTO and the United Nations and expand their mutual capacities for promoting efforts to ensure peace, security and cooperation on a regional and global scale.

Addendum 2

Draft resolution

Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the aspiration of the Collective Security Treaty Organization to enhance its cooperation with the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to invite the Collective Security Treaty Organization to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.